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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER N9450.0024/P024 Application No. Filing Date **Art Unit** Examiner 09/925,439-Conf. #4109 August 10, 2001 T. Chen 2652 Applicant(s): Yasuharu Kitakami RECEIVED Invention: DISK REPRODUCING APPARATUS JUN 0 2 2004 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Technology Center 2400 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims **Highest** Number Remaining Number **After Previously Extra Claims** Amendment Paid Present Rate 0.00 **Total Claims** 20 X Independent 0.00 3 3 = X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 **Small Entity** x Large Entity x | No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 04-1073 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. x Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. # 45,920 May 27, 2004 Dated: Mark J. Thronson Attorney Reg. No.: 33,082 DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP 2101 L Street NW Washington, DC 20037-1526 (202) 775-4742



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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2004 (Paper No. 5), finally rejecting claims 1-3, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.